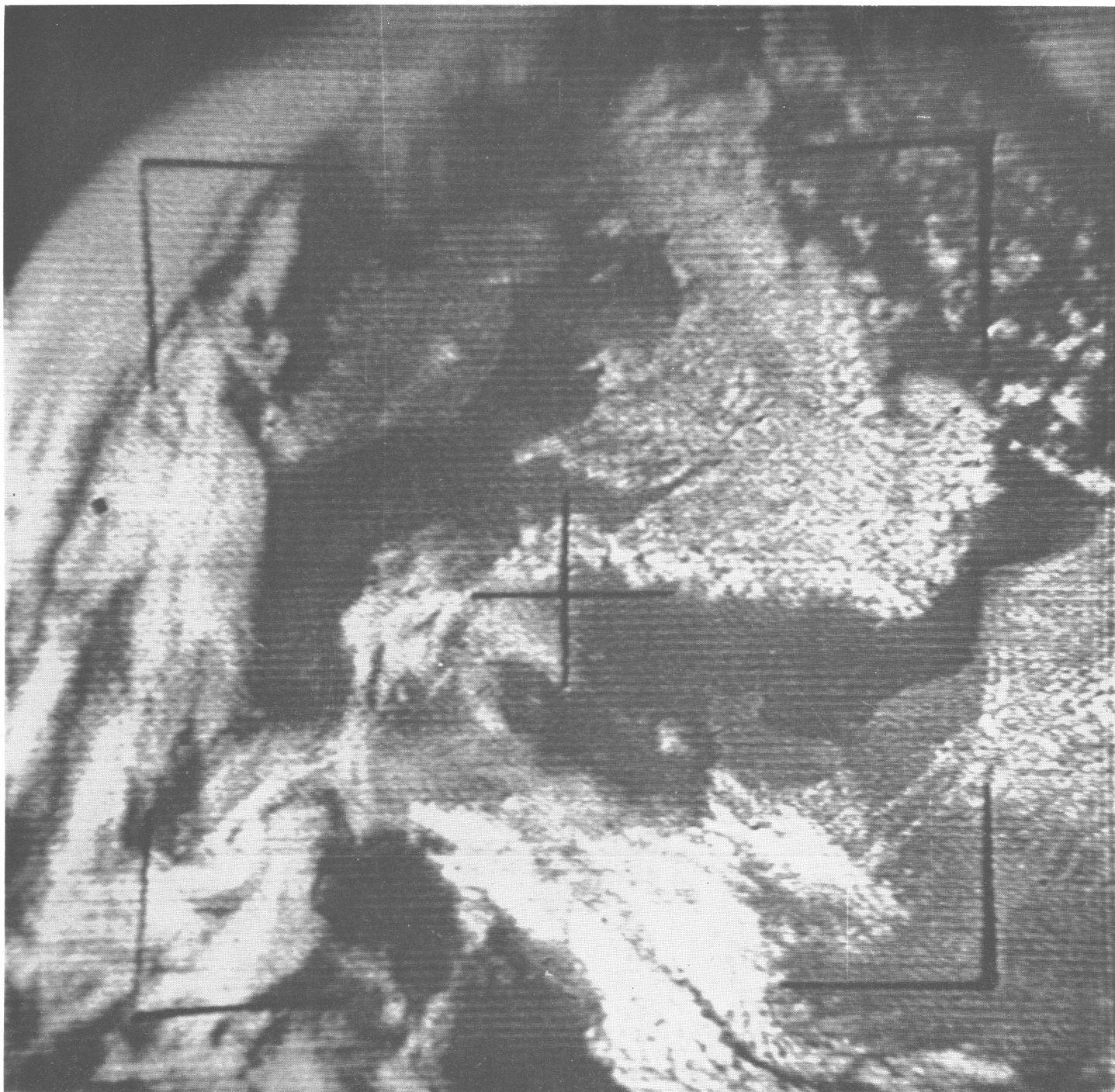


PICTURE OF THE MONTH



This TIROS IV picture received at Wallops Island, Va., on April 14, 1962, Pass 920/919 shows England, Scotland, and Ireland, and a part of the French and Belgian coasts. Local London time was 1:20 p.m.

The curious and puzzling feature is that England and Scotland are sharply delineated by afternoon cumulus

clouds, while Ireland is only dimly seen because the cloudiness is so poorly developed that it is lost in the gross resolution of TV scan lines. The sharp cloud discontinuities at the English coast indicate the cumuli were produced by the warm land—but why is only England so favored?